## **CLAIMS**

An oil-in-water emulsion cosmetic composition,
 wherein the oil-in-water emulsion cosmetic composition comprises:

a component A: a polyglycerin fatty acid ester having a hydroxyl value of

450 to 700, a fatty acid residue having 16 to 18 carbon atoms accounting for 50 to

100% by mass of all constituent fatty acid residues, the total content of a dimer and a

trimer of a cyclic polyglycerin being from 0 to 3% by mass, the total content of an

undecamer of polyglycerin being from 10 to 30% by mass, and the each content of a

tetramer to a decamer of polyglycerin being from 4 to 20% by mass, based on 100% by

mass of polyglycerin constituting the polyglycerin fatty acid ester,

a component B: an oily component, and

a component C: water, and

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the amount of the component A is from 0.001 to 25% by mass, the amount of the component B is from 0.001 to 60% by mass, and the amount of the component C is from 10 to 99% by mass.

- 2. The oil-in-water emulsion cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the amount of the component A is from 0.01 to 15% by mass, the amount of the component B is from 0.01 to 50% by mass, and the amount of the component C is from 30 to 95% by mass.
- 3. The oil-in-water emulsion cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein a hydroxyl value of the polyglycerin fatty acid ester as the component A is from 550 to 700, at least one of a polyhydric alcohol fatty acid ester having a hydroxyl value of 100 to 500 (excluding the component A) and a polyhydric alcohol alkyl ether having a hydroxyl value of 100 to 500 is added as a component D, and the amount of

the component D is from 1 to 100% by mass based on the amount of the component A.

4. The oil-in-water emulsion cosmetic composition according to claim 3, wherein the amount of the component A is from 0.01 to 15% by mass, the amount of the component B is from 0.01 to 50% by mass, the amount of the component C is from 30 to 95% by mass, and the amount of the component D is from 1 to 100% by mass based on the amount of the component A.

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- 5. The oil-in-water emulsion cosmetic composition according to claim 1,
  wherein the fatty acid residue having 16 to 18 carbon atoms as the component A is at least one selected from isostearic acid residue, oleic acid residue, palmitic acid residue and stearic acid residue.
- 6. The oil-in-water emulsion cosmetic composition according to claim 1, further comprising a thickener.
- 7. The oil-in-water emulsion cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the oil-in-water emulsion cosmetic composition is at least one selected from cream in general, milky lotion, sun tan cream, sun-block cream, shaving cream, cleansing cream, facial cleansing cream, lotion in general, sun tan lotion, sun-block lotion, shaving lotion, serum, lipstick, gel, cleansing gel, moisture gel, pack, emulsion foundation, emulsified eye shadow, nail treatment, shampoo, conditioner and hair treatment.
- 8. A method for producing the oil-in-water emulsion cosmetic composition according to claim 1, wherein the method comprises the step of adding an oil phase

containing the component A and the component B to an aqueous phase containing a component C, and emulsifying them.

9. The method for producing the oil-in-water emulsion cosmetic composition according to claim 8, wherein the emulsification temperature is from 10 to 90°C.

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- 10. A method for producing the oil-in-water emulsion cosmetic composition according to claim 3, wherein the method comprises the step of adding an oil phase containing the component A, the component B and the component D to an aqueous phase containing the component C and emulsifying them.
- 11. The method for producing the oil-in-water emulsion cosmetic composition according to claim 10, wherein the emulsification temperature is from 10 to 90°C.